Visa-on-Arrival

3225. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Tourism has proposed to launch visa-on-arrival for tourists from specified countries; and

(b) if so, what are these countries and the details of the proposal of visa-on-arrival?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of countries has not yet been finalised.

VRS in ITDC

3226. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ITDC has offered VRS to its Travel and Tours Division;

(b) whether it is a fact that the VRS is refused to the staff of its Hotel Division; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the VRS was offered only for Ashok Travels & Tours Division, the question of refusal to the Hotels Division employees does not arise.

Leasing of Dal Lake

3227. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allotment of Central funds for clearing up the Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the quantum of amount released and spent, year-wise;

(c) the total areas of the lake at the time of Independence and how much it is now; and

(d) whether any area is leased out to private parties for making floating garden?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has not sanctioned any funds for clearing of Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The area of Dal and Nageen Lake at the time of Independence was 22 Sq. Kms. and at present it is 15.7 Sq. Kms. The main reasons for it shrinkage being deforestation, soil erosion, entry of raw sewage, conversion of water body into land mass for habitation and growing vegetables.

(d) No, Sir.

Water to Kerala

3228. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the water share due to Kerala from the Parambikula-Aliyar river water agreement has not been allotted by the Tamil Nadu fully during the previous year;

(b) what is the water share due to Kerala from the above agreement per year;

(c) the allotted position during the previous year;

(d) the quantity of water allotted during the current year so far; and

(e) Wheather Government would insist Tamil Nadu to allot the actual share of river water to Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) As per the inter-state agreement between Governments of Kerala and